

O & C Activities in State Told; Plans Of Future Reported

Daniel L. Goldy, regional administrator of the bureau of land management for the northwestern states, attended the annual meeting of the O and C advisory board held in the city hall here Thursday afternoon.

Goldy spoke to the board on a variety of subjects including new right of way regulations for O and C lands, also discussed in detail at a meeting Friday, reported elsewhere in this issue) which were subsequently discussed by board members.

Returns Funds

The bureau is one of few governmental agencies which return more money to the federal treasury than is appropriated for its operation, Goldy said, with about \$8 being returned for every \$1 appropriated by congress.

He stressed the need for additional appropriations for the bureau to get the most efficient administration of the government lands. An inventory of forest property is important, he said, and predicted that the present "allowable cut" of 640 million board feet could be increased to one billion feet on the basis of a new inventory.

Predicts Higher Yield

Goldy also predicted that the O and C income of \$4 million last year from timber sales might go to between \$7 million and \$8 million on the basis of present market and other conditions.

E. K. Peterson, Medford district forester, told the board that present plans call for timber sales next year of some 90 million feet in this area. This figure was sharply criticized by Flanagan, who said that with an allowable cut of considerably more than that, the sales should be increased during a period of high demand.

Work Demands Told

Peterson explained that sales management and cruising work are necessary to prepare timber for sale, and said his present staff was inadequate to prepare greater amounts of timber for sale. He also recounted the

many and varied duties performed by the district office, which he said include timber trespass enforcement, rights of way, mineral claims, recreational considerations and land exchanges.

Discussion of mining claims on O and C property also was heard at the meeting, with F. I. Bristol, Grants Pass, president of the Oregon Mining association, voicing objection to proposed changes in mining law claims. He said the recently enacted bill ending the moratorium on mining assessment work will solve many of the claims problems of the administration, by cutting down the number of claims by more than 80 per cent.

Discuss Winter Cut

A spirited discussion over the O and C's responsibility in stabilizing economic conditions arose over the proposal that "winter show" timber (land which can be logged in winter-time) be placed for sale by the office to keep up slump-period employment.

Glenn Jackson, chamber of commerce representative on the board, defended the suggestion, while Flanagan and Floyd Hart, member of the state O and C committee, voiced objection to lumber operators being told "when, where and how much" timber they may cut.

A description of progress in seeding grass on cutover ranges was given by Jim Linne, local O and C staff member, who said considerable progress is being made on the project, and that good results are being obtained, both from a range standpoint, and from fire control. He emphasized the office is receiving whole-hearted cooperation from stockmen's associations. Henry Owens, Ashland, president of the local stockmen's group, said the project is of great importance to the livestock industry.



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